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NOTE TO: D/OCA

SUBJECT: Meeting with Tom DeYulia, House Post Office & Civil Service Committee

1. I met today with Tom DeYulia, Staff Director of the House Post Office & Civil Service Committee to get a status report on the retirement legislation. He said the House and Senate staff are very close to agreement on the bill. The content of our package appears to be acceptable to us and was consistent with what Jamie Cowen on the Senate side outlined. DeYulia will look to the HPSCI staff for input for the CIARDS plan. As you know, HPSCI is already working on it and has reached general agreement with the SSCI staff on their work.

2. The staffs are still working to get agreement from the administration on the thrift plan board and the overall cost. He said they hope to resolve these within a week or two and then in March address the special categories of personnel including CIARDS, firefighters etc. In April they will draft the bill, completing it before the end of April. They have, he said been briefing their members as they go along so that when the bill is drafted the members will "ratify" it and get it to the President.

3. He added that everything depends on passing the bill they come up with; there will be no alternative. Thus, securing the approval of the administration is essential. "We need your help" and that of State, DOD and Justice was his final word. He said that the DCI should weigh in with Regan but only after they had resolved the two problems with the administration. That will be in a few weeks and he suggested that Jamie Cowen was the best source for knowing when the DCI's call will have maximum impact. I'll stay in touch with Jamie. Their advice is sound and at the proper time we should ask the DCI to go to bat for his people.